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Capital and Surplus \$68,000.00

Deposits Over Half a Million

Increase in Deposits for Twelve Months Ending March 10th

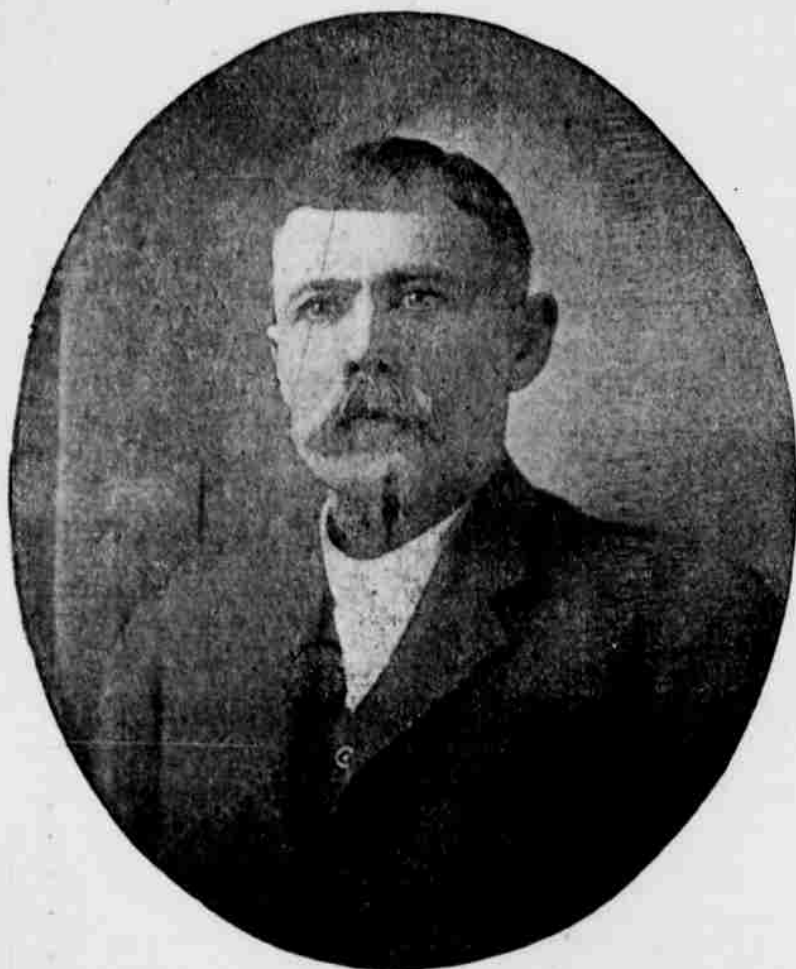
OVER THREE HUNDRED PER CENT

CONSERVATIVE IN ITS MANAGEMENT :: PROGRESSIVE IN ITS POLICY
OBLIGING AND ATTENTIVE IN ITS SERVICE

HENCE THE WONDERFUL INCREASE

Your business solicited on the basis of expert, efficient, and attentive service, coupled with every possible accommodation. Prompt attention to collections. Oil men's accounts especially invited.

J. W. JOHNSON



His Life From Early Boyhood

J. W. Johnson of Milo, Carter County, Oklahoma, twenty-one miles northwest of Ardmore, is a citizen, by intermarriage, of the Chickasaw Tribe of Indians. He was born in Greenville Pennsylvania, in 1860, and in 1880 came to the Indian Territory, arriving in this county with only fifty cents in cash.

His first work here was on the stock ranch of Williams and Murrys, at Erin Springs, on the Washita River near Kickapoo Flats. For his services here, he received twenty-five dollars per month and board. In the employ of these gentlemen, Mr. Johnson received much of the training which has proved so beneficial to him since he entered business for himself.

During the early years of his sojourning in Indian Territory, Mr. Johnson had many varied experiences which would constitute most interesting reading matter if properly written up. At one time he was employed by the government on a mail stage line, from Caddo, Choctaw Nation, to Anadarko and Comanche counties, in the execution of which office he often met with incidents which to us of this day would seem very thrilling.

J. W. Johnson was united in marriage, in 1886, with Emily Brown, daughter of Hepsie Brown of Old Mill Creek, Tishomingo County, Indian Territory, who was a Chickasaw Indian.

In 1888, Mr. Johnson moved to Milo, Carter County, which was then Pickens County of the Chickasaw Nation, and settled on lands which he has since taken as allotments for himself and family and where he now resides. At the time of his arrival at this place, there was no town of Milo; the land was comparatively wild and in its primitive state. Such a city as Ardmore was undreamed of while wolves in countless numbers, wild hogs in abundance, wild turkey in flocks of hundreds, deer in herds of twenty-five or more, and antelope, were found in woodland, hills, and plains.

The principal population of this part of the country at that time was the Indian, the illiterate negro, the whiskey peddler and the outlaw who made this part of the country his rendezvous. Many a night did Mrs. Johnson sit up and sew and watch their ponies until midnight, when she would awaken her husband who would remain on duty until morning, guarding their ponies from the thieves and outlaws who often fired at him from ambush as many as three times in one night. At that time his axe, his plow, his ponies, his gun and his muscle were his entire capital, but he went to work and has since accumulated property to the amount of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Mr. Johnson established the post office and town of Milo and has been postmaster at that place for the last fifteen years.

He has a family of eight children, namely, May Belle, Willie Malissa, Lola Maude, Wesley Rodolph, Ezella Marigold, Elba, Elihu Bennett and Louis Brown. Each member of his family is entitled under the Chickasaw law, to a participation in the tribal allotment of the lands



RESIDENCE OF J. W. JOHNSON, ARDMORE, OKLA.

of the Nation or State of Oklahoma. Each has a share of three hundred twenty acres of the average allottable land according to the government appraisement. The total amount of this land for himself and family is three thousand two hundred acres, on which he now has fifteen dwelling houses besides his elegant private residence, an up to date cotton gin, grist mill and a nice store. His fifteen farms and stock ranches are valued at one hundred fifteen thousand dollars; his horses and cattle at twelve thousand. He has also an elegant residence and other property in the City of Ardmore.

In addition to the above, there is a good comfortable church and school house, two stores, one blacksmith shop, and a Woodman Hall located on Mr. Johnsons land, but owing to his dealings and his encouragement of public enterprise, these last named industries are owned and operated by private individuals, entirely free from rent.

Many an eastern farmer longs for one-half of the blessings enjoyed by this man.

Mr. Johnson says: "Come to Carter County and partake of these blessings with us. Civilization has taken the place of lawlessness and plunder."

He will be your next County Commissioner from the western district.